**AWP’s Seventh Tweet Chat:
the George Garrett Award & the Small Press Publisher Award
September 10, 2015 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET**

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In half an hour, we'll answer your questions re: the George Garrett & Small Press Publisher awards. Use [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash).

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Welcome to AWP's 7th tweet chat. Today we'll be discussing two of AWP's awards: the George Garrett & the Small Press Publisher. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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With us today are Christian Teresi [~~@~~**ChristianTeresi**](https://twitter.com/ChristianTeresi), Director of Conferences, and David Fenza [~~@~~**david\_AWP**](https://twitter.com/david_AWP), Executive Director. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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To ask a question during the next hour about these two awards, use hashtag [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash).

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AWP George Garrett Award recognizes leading teachers, mentors, editors, administrators, & community builders in literature. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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AWP’s Small Press Publisher Award is an annual prize for nonprofit presses and literary journals. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter)

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The Small Press Award recognizes the role presses and journals play in publishing creative works and introducing new authors. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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George Garrett 1929-2008 was one of the founding trustees of AWP. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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As a teacher, editor, mentor, trustee, & friend, George helped many authors establish their careers. ~~#~~**AWPawards**

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George Garrett, for whom the award is named. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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The Small Press Award was started in 2013, and has recognized the great work of [~~@~~**sarabandebooks**](https://twitter.com/sarabandebooks), [~~@~~**onestorymag**](https://twitter.com/onestorymag), & [~~@~~**GraywolfPress**](https://twitter.com/GraywolfPress). [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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In even years, the Small Press Award is given to a journal, and, in odd years, to a press. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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Garrett Award includes $2,000 & expense-paid trip to AWP conference. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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AWP established the Garrett Award in 2005 to honor the many literary movers and shakers in the service of literature. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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The 2016 Small Press Publisher Award winner will receive a $2,000 honorarium and a complimentary exhibit booth at [~~#~~**AWP17**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWP17?src=hash) in Washington, DC. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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AWP confers the Garrett & Small Press Awards at the awards reception Wednesday night of the conference. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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Emcees for last year’s award ceremonies were AWP Board Chair Bonnie Culver & novelist Marlon Jamees. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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The last awards reception featured entertainment by Cornelius Eady & Rough Magic. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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Nominations for literary journals and magazines are now being accepted for the 2016 Small Press Award. Deadline: September 15. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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Here are the guidelines for nominations for the 2016 Small Press Publisher Award on [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) website. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash) [https://www.awpwriter.org/application/public/pdf/awards/AWP\_Small\_Press\_Publisher\_Award\_Guidelines.pdf …](https://t.co/efB354FRJ7)

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The deadline for letters of nomination for Garrett Award is also Sept. 15. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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Garrett Award guidelines [https://www.awpwriter.org/application/public/pdf/awards/AWP\_Garrett\_Award\_Guidelines.pdf …](https://t.co/u18NT3lTPQ) [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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You can find information about the George Garrett award, including guidelines & previous winners, here: [https://www.awpwriter.org/contests/george\_garrett\_award\_overview …](https://t.co/2pc1WVX3UE) [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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Here is the awesome staff [~~@~~**GraywolfPress**](https://twitter.com/GraywolfPress) receiving the 2015 Small Press Award at [~~#~~**AWP15**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWP15?src=hash) in Mpls. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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You can find the list of past Garrett winners on our website [https://www.awpwriter.org/contests/george\_garrett\_award\_previous\_winners/2005 …](https://t.co/1SbeBwWufh) [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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You can submit nominations using AWP's new [~~@~~**submittable**](https://twitter.com/submittable) portal: [https://awp.submittable.com/submit](https://t.co/L3h5BGlIav) [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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Novelist & esteemed teacher Bob Shacochis was last year’s Garett Award winner. [https://www.awpwriter.org/contests/george\_garrett\_award\_previous\_winners/2015 …](https://t.co/UN9TRFaOyu) [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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Small Press Publisher Prize nominations will be considered for three years, including the year the nomination is submitted. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

[**EDML** ‏~~@~~**exclamate\_**](https://twitter.com/exclamate_)

[~~@~~**ChristianTeresi**](https://twitter.com/ChristianTeresi) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) [~~#~~**awpawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpawards?src=hash): Perhaps a boring technical question, but why must they be nonprofits? Credibility?

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AWP wanted to recognize the very important role nonprofit literary presses and journals play in the community. [~~@~~**exclamate\_**](https://twitter.com/exclamate_) [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**exclamate\_**](https://twitter.com/exclamate_) [~~@~~**ChristianTeresi**](https://twitter.com/ChristianTeresi) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) Many small presses are labors of love. They need & deserve special loving support.

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Garrett Award nomination letters also remain in active consideration for 3 years. No need to resubmit each year. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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The best Garrett nomination letters are specific, personal—how the nominee helped you and your community. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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The best Garrett nomination letters also address the criteria of the award. See guidelines on website. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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Small Press nominations should include explanation of how the journal contributed to the literary landscape & nurtured authors. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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AWP receives 20 or more letters supporting the typical Garrett award recipient—a community speaks on behalf of the nominee. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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AWP usually receives between 10 and 15 nominations for the Small Press Publisher Prize. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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Each Small Press Publisher nomination includes between 2 and 10 letters from writers and editors supporting the nominee. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**david\_AWP**](https://twitter.com/david_AWP) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) [~~#~~**awpawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpawards?src=hash) Fenza, you've been around for awhile. Did you know George? What was he like?

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[~~@~~**exclamate\_**](https://twitter.com/exclamate_) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) I did know George. He was a huge help to AWP. He edited our Intro anthologies for many years.

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[~~@~~**exclamate\_**](https://twitter.com/exclamate_) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) He gave many of AWP's graduates their first national publication. His historical novel, Death of the Fox, is fine.

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[~~@~~**exclamate\_**](https://twitter.com/exclamate_) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) George was warm and funny. Dick Bausch honored George at our offices years ago at a small tribute. Much laughter.

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Any last questions about these awards? Remember the application deadline is September 15! [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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Any final thoughts to share about these [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash), [~~@~~**ChristianTeresi**](https://twitter.com/ChristianTeresi) & [~~@~~**david\_AWP**](https://twitter.com/david_AWP)?

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5 days left to nominate (& encourage nominations) your favorite literary journal [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash) [https://www.awpwriter.org/contests/small\_press\_publisher\_award\_overview …](https://t.co/ER4pkFF9ST)

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We love seeing journals getting the word out to their readers & followers about the Small Press Publisher award! [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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Reading these letters is heart-warming--a tribute to the health of contemporary literature & the spirits who make it so fruitful. [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash)

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We look forward to all of your nominations. [~~#~~**AWPAwards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPAwards?src=hash)

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Thank you for joining us today to learn about [~~#~~**AWPawards**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards?src=hash). Our next chat will be Oct. 7 about [~~#~~**AWP16**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWP16?src=hash) registration.

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